



Government of Montenegro

Prime Minister

Podgorica, December 16. 2010

H.E.

Mrs. HILLARY CLINTON

US Secretary of State

Washington

Your Excellency,

On behalf of the Government of Montenegro and personally I want to express my deepest condolences for the sudden death of Richard Holbrooke, one of the most distinguished US diplomats of modern history.

As it was with his energetic activities that had for many years made numerous high officials and other partners throughout the world ponder deeply and act regardless of whether they agreed with him or not, his death does not leave anyone indifferent either, particularly those ones living in the countries where he left a lasting diplomatic impact.

Richard Holbrooke was an authentic representative of the US politics in the Western Balkans which was instrumental in brokering peace after a tragic disintegration of former Yugoslavia and war conflicts that caused hardship to Yugoslav people.

I was privileged with an opportunity to meet him and talk to him when the times were hard. I want to assure you that in Montenegro we will never forget continuous support that in those days the United States of America and Richard Holbrooke himself gave to the democratic processes in Montenegro and to me personally. I am confident that without that support we would not have managed to make a progress on Euro-Atlantic and European integrations and become one of the most stable Balkan countries with remarkable multiethnic harmony.

Most kindly I request you to convey my sincere sympathy to his family
Allow me to express my highest appreciation for you and my cordial regards.

Milo Đukanović

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'M. Đukanović', with a small flourish at the end.